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TRAP
AMI-CHAN...
AMI...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OZAKI-SAN
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THE CRIMINAL ...?
A LITTLE FASTER AND HE WOULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED
UNFORTUNATELY, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO CATCH HIM...
...I'M SORRY
THE PLAN FOR THE AUDITION WAS TO HAVE FUTAMI-SAN SING AGAIN, THEN YOU WOULD ALSO HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON, WE HAVE TO WAIT WHILE THEY DECIDE THE RESULT.
GEEZ...
HOW COULD SOMEONE INTERRUPT SUCH AN IMPORTANT AUDITION...!
AMI-CHAN...

JUST WAIT!
AMI DEFINITE-LY WON'T LEAVE HER PERFORMANCE UNFINISHED!
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AMI-CHAN...
...IT LOOKS LIKE SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO WORRY
ERI, YOU SHOULD WAIT HERE UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR THE RESULTS, TOO
AH... YEAH...
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EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE, THANK YOU FOR WAITING
FROM THE MANY PARTICIPANTS, WE WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS WHO HAVE TRIUMPHED
AND WILL MOVE ON TO THE IDOL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT'S FINAL COMPETITION
HERE IS THE FIRST FINALIST!

MIZUTANI ERI-SAN!
THE CYBER GIRL WHO'S POPULAR ON THE NET FOR HER DAZZLING STYLE,
!!
AND OUR SECOND COMPETITOR... THE CELEB PRINCESS WITH THE SMILE OF AN ANGEL
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MIZUTANI-SAN
PLEASE LOOK THIS WAY
WHAT AN AMAZING NUMBER OF CAMERAS...!!

IT'S MINASE IORI-SAN!
I'M YOUR IDOL, MINASE IORI!
IORI-CHAA AAN
THE REPORTERS' REACTIONS CHANGED COMPLETELY...
THIS PERSON IS...
AMAZING...

MIZUTANI-SAN
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M IORI
YOU'RE VERY CUTE, ERI-CHAN
NO WONDER YOU HAVE SO MANY FANS
PLEASE LOOK AFTER ME IN THE FINAL ROUND
YOU'RE WELCOME...?
WHAT A POLITE GIRL...
PLEASE LOOK THIS WAY!
SO IT APPEARS...
YOU'RE A NICE PERSON...?
THIS WAY

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SAN...
IDOL CLA
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WHAT?
AAH...
...EH?

I'LL DO MY BEST TO LOOK AFTER YOU
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PLEASE LOOK AFTER ME IN THE FINAL ROUND?
...EH?
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AH... YEAH...
GOOD WORK EARLIER...?
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UM...
WELL, I'LL TRY TO HOLD MYSELF BACK SO YOU DON'T GET CRUSHED RIGHT AWAY
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DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Haa-
UGH, DOING THOSE INTERVIEWS CRAMPED MY SHOULDERS
It feels so heavy
CAT...?
OF COURSE, IT'S ANNOYING TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A CAT
I UNDERSTAND... IORI-SAN, ARE YOU A TSUNDERE?
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU SUDDENLY KNOW EVERYTHING!
HOW DARE YOU DEGRADE ME WITH SUCH A SLEAZY WORD!?
I might be Tsun but I'm not Dere!
Hiuu...
I'M SORRY...
...BY THE WAY
DID YOU REALLY DEFEAT AMI IN THE LAST AUDITION?

I HEARD THAT THE AUDITION WAS TAMPERED WITH
THAT KID IS IN THE SAME OFFICE AS I AM
AH...
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I'M NOT THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS SURVIVED TO THIS POINT...
THAT'S RIGHT, IORI-SAN IS MY FINAL OPPONENT...
IS THERE A ZERO PERCENT CHANCE SHE IS THE CRIMINAL...?
THE PREVIOUS AUDITION WITH IORI-SAN...
BUT SOMEONE COULD STILL BE HARMED AT THE NEXT EVENT...
I DON'T WANT TO SUSPECT HER OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE AUDITIONS...
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SUSPICIOUS...
DON'T ACT SUSPICIOUS...
YOU WERE SUSPECTING ME OF BEING THE CRIMINAL, WEREN'T YOU!?
TH-THAT'S WRONG...
THEN WHY WON'T YOU LOOK AT ME!
BESIDES, HOW DO I KNOW THAT YOU AREN'T THE CRIMINAL!?
HIUUU... THAT'S NOT...
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...WELL, THERE'S NO WAY SOMEONE THIS TIMID COULD DO IT ANYWAY...

IORI-SAN...
HOW DARE THEY DEFILE A SERIOUS COMPETITION BETWEEN IDOLS...
...I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM
F-FORGIVE ME FOR DOUBTING YOU...
SINCE THE CRIMINAL HASN'T BEEN CAUGHT, WE HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER...
LOOK OUT FOR ME?
YOU'RE ENTIRELY WRONG, I INTEND TO CATCH HIM BY SETTING A TRAP! HOW'S THAT!?
EH...
YOU MUST BE SLEEP TALKING TO SAY THAT TO ME!
YOU THINK I'M SUCH A GREEN HORN!

CATCH HIM...?
RIGHT!
I'M GOING TO LEAVE MY BODYGUARDS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND THEN...
...BOOM!
HE'LL BE SHACKLED AND GIVEN ONE HUNDRED LASHES!
AH... BUT... IS THAT SOMETHING YOU CAN DO...?
YOU...
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP WITH MY LIVE, AREN'T YOU?
LIVE?

THERE'S GOING TO BE A LIVE BEFORE THE AUDITION IN ORDER TO LURE OUT THE CRIMINAL.
I WON'T FORCE YOU TO DO ANY-THING TOO VIOLENT.
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SHE LOOKS CUTE BUT SHE'S SO DARING...!
BUT... THAT'LL BE SO EXPENSIVE...
Fufufu,
THAT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
Leave it to me

HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
THIS IS THE TRUE POWER OF THE MINASE FAMILY!
WOW...
AMAZING...
ARE YOU RICH, IORI-SAN?
WELL, MAYBE COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD
A... AMAZING

IT'S NOT AS IF I ENJOY USING THAT KIND OF POWER
BUT I HAVE TO PROTECT THE STAGE...
THAT'S WHY...
B-BUT THESE GUYS ARE KIND OF SCARY...
Because of those dark suits...
EXCUSE ME...

THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OJOU-SAMA
IF POSSIBLE, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH LATER, MIZUTANI-SAN?
ME AS WELL, PLEASE
!?
I'M SORRY, JUST W-WAIT A MINUTE...
Ha Wa Wa Wa Wa
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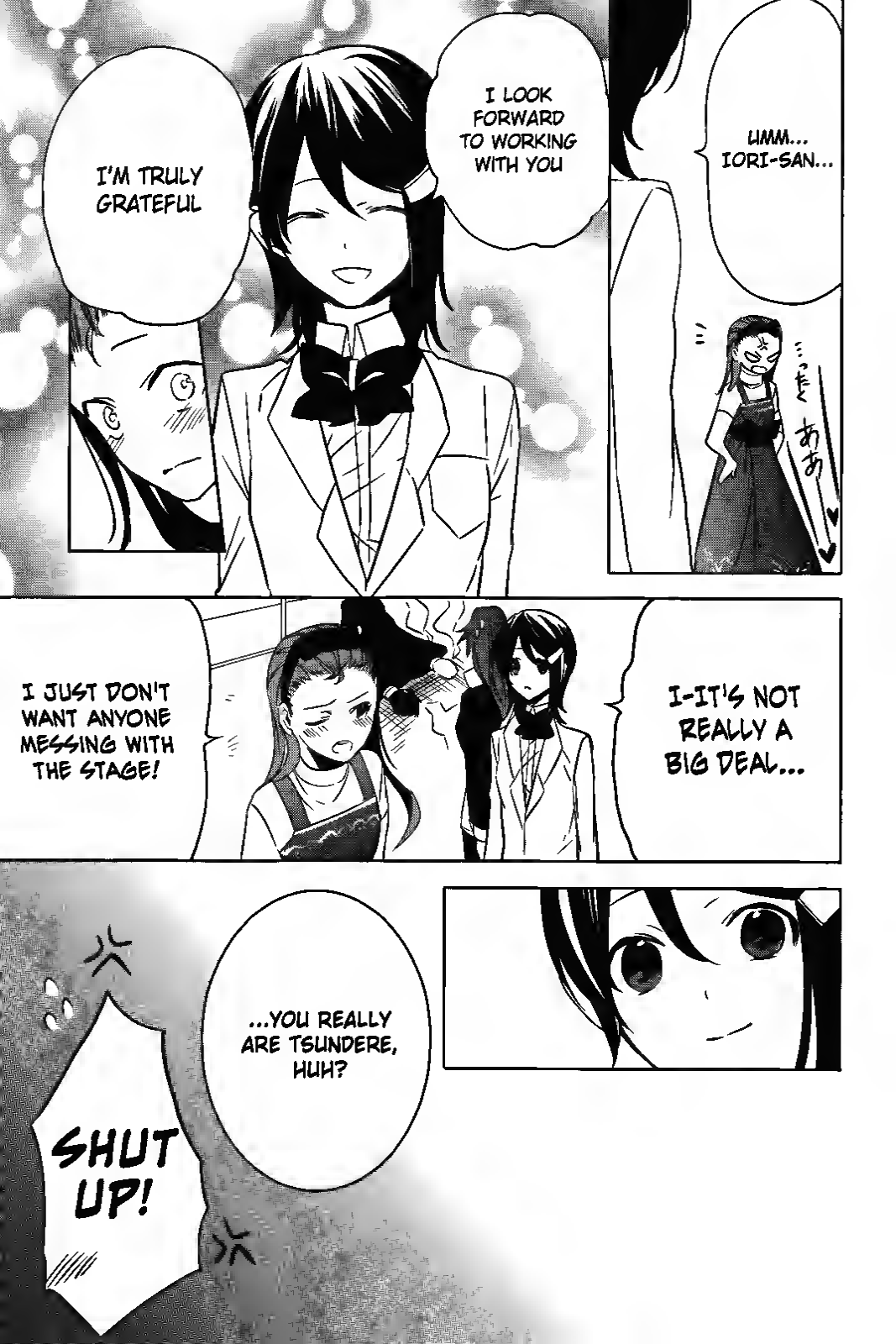
HOLD ON, YOU GUYS! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!
AAH, OJOU-SAMA, IT HURTS
But it feels so good


UMM... IORI-SAN...
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I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
I'M TRULY GRATEFUL
I-IT'S NOT REALLY A BIG DEAL...
I JUST DON'T WANT ANYONE MESSING WITH THE STAGE!
...YOU REALLY ARE TSUNDERE, HUH?
SHUT UP!

Please don't shave!
MINASE IORI LIVE
EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!
PLEASE ENJOY IT UNTIL THE VERY END!
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PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO MY PARTNER TODAY MIZUTANI ERI-SAN!
I HAVE TO STAY CALM
DON'T GET NERVOUS IN FRONT OF THE FANS
YOU'RE AN IDOL, YOU KNOW!
AH...

THAT CRIMINAL ...
ALRIGHT ...
ALL THE PREPARA-TIONS ARE OK
...YEAH!

HEY
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BE CARE-FUL
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GRAB HIM!

IT'S FINE... IT'S ONLY WATER...
W- WHAT IS THIS...!
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ERI...
ARE YOU AL...
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NO WAY...
YOU'RE...